

	Montana Mental Health Nursing Care Center Policy Manual		Policy Number	508
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	Medication Aide II			

PURPOSE:

The Medication Aide II is an employee of a long-term facility licensed to provide skilled nursing care as defined in 50-5-101, Montana Code Annotated, uses standardized procedures in the administration of drugs as defined in 37-7-101, Montana Code Annotated, as assigned by and under the supervision of a Montana licensed nurse, administers medication to residents of the long-term care facility.

POLICY:

The policy of the Montana Mental Health Nursing Care Center is to have the Medication Aide II, to assist the Licensed Nurse in passing medications in a health care setting as approved by the Montana State Board of Nursing.

Montana Mental Health Nursing Care Center provides training (Medication Aide Competency program) which is approved through the Montana State Board of Nursing. Montana has approved Headmaster, LLP to provide the certification examination and scoring services for medication aide examinations

PROCEDURE:

In order to acquire a Medication Aide II license in Montana, you must meet the following requirements:

- a.) Have a high school diploma or equivalent;
 - b.) Be a Certified Nursing Assistant (C.N.A.);
 - c.) Have 4,000 hours of experience as a C.N.A. in a long-term facility;
 - d.) Maintain a current valid certificate of cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and
 - e.) Have successfully passed a board-specified medication aide training program
- (1) A licensed medication aide II may:
- (a) perform services requiring basic knowledge of medications and medication administration subject to the limitations outlined in subsection (2);

- (b.) practice only in a long-term facility licensed to provide skilled nursing care, as defined in 50-5-101; and
 - (c.) practice only under the supervision of a licensed professional or practical nurse that is on the premises.
- (2) A licensed medication aide II may not:
- (a.) administer medications on an as-needed basis;
 - (b.) administer parenteral or subcutaneous medications except for pre-labeled, pre-drawn insulin;
 - (c.) administer medications through nasogastric routes or by gastrostomy or jejunostomy tubes;
 - (d.) convert or calculate dosages; or
 - (e.) take verbal orders related to changes in medications and dosages.
- (3) Medication Aide II Curriculum: see attachment #1
- (4) Medication Aide II's may assist in CNA duties when not administering medications as outlined in their CNA job description. Restrictions to include as outlined by their scope of practice as MA II's (i.e. capillary glucose checks)

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